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1. CANADIAN CHARGE GAVE PRELIMINARY REPORT TO ACDA
DIRECTOR IKLE AUGUST 1 ON CANADIAN-INDIAN CONSULTATIONS
JULY 29-31 ON NUCLEAR MATTERS.

2. MCKINNEY SAID THAT THERE WAS DESIRE ON BOTH SIDES TO
MAKE PROGRESS IN SOLVING DIFFERENCES ON NUCLEAR MATTERS
BUT THAT TALKS HAD NEVERTHELESS BEEN "DIFFICULT". THERE
WAS SOME INDICATION INDIANS WERE BECOMING CONCERNED OVER
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INTERNATIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR NUCLEAR EXPLOSION,

INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF PERMANENT DAMAGE TO CANADIAN-INDIAN RELATIONS.

3. INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH SAID INDIANS COULD NOT ACCEPT CANADIAN VIEW THAT "PEACEFUL PURPOSES" EXCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING PNES. NOR COULD THEY ACCEPT NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME UNDER "DISCRIMINATORY CONDITIONS." CANADIANS MADE TWO PROPOSALS: INDIA SHOULD SUSPEND ALL TESTING OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES PENDING COMPLETION OF NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE; CONTROLS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO PREVENT FURTHER NUCLEAR MATERIAL FROM CIRRRUS REACTOR BEING USED FOR NUCLEAR

EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. SINGH REPLIED INDIANS WOULD CONSIDER SUSPENSION OF TESTING BUT COULD NOT ACCEPT PROPOSAL REGARDING CIRRRUS REACTOR. HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF REJECTING PROPOSAL ON CIRRRUS, SINGH SUGGESTED IT BE PUT ASIDE UNTIL QUESTION OF TEST SUSPENSION IS SETTLED.

4. MCKINNEY COMMENTED THAT SINGH WAS LEFT IN NO DOUBT THAT ACCEPTANCE OF BOTH CANADIAN PROPOSALS WAS PRE-REQUISITE TO NORMALIZATION OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. CANADIANS THINK THERE MAY BE ANOTHER ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIANS. MEANWHILE, CANADA WILL CONTINUE ITS SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR AND OTHER ASSISTANCE EXCEPT THAT FOR FOOD, MEDICINES, AND FERTILIZERS. KISSINGER

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